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9 April 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: U.S. Port Security Program

A special meeting of the interagency Port Security
Committee was held on 27 March 1973 to consider a DOD request
to deny Charleston, South Carolina, to all flag vessels of Warsaw
Pact countries and Communist China. The DOD pointed out the
extreme importance of this port as a worldwide communications
center and nuclear submarine base, noting that the Soviets already
monitor the activities of the port from ships stationed off our coast.
The Committee agreed that Charleston should be closed to Communist
shipping. The Coast Guard is preparing an appropriate memorandum
to Dr. Kissinger over the signature of the Secretary of Transportation
which will be coordinated with CIA and the other agencies before it is
delivered to the White House. A copy of the Committee's minutes
dated 6 April 1973 is attached.

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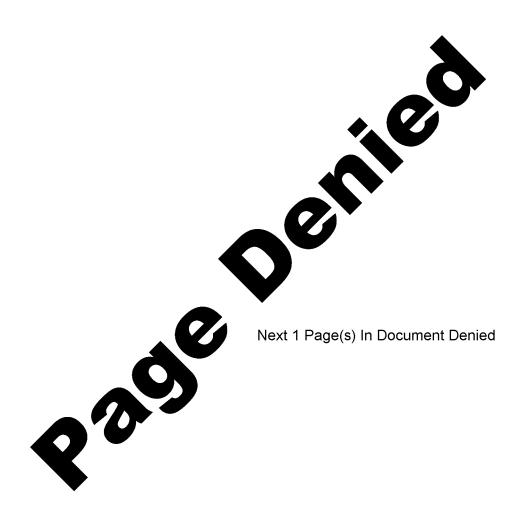
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